

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 5, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner A. Johnson
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Mike Sparks
Commissioner Ronald Williams
Commissioner Joe F. Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess David Jones
Mimi Keisling Mac Nolen
Marge Davis Randall Branch
Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Building Codes report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Chairman Jernigan presented the written subdivision lot inventory and Board of Zoning Appeals report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

LANDFILL REPORT AND CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill report and Convenience Centers report for the use and information of the Committee. Commissioner Williams requested a cost analysis of the cost to the County to pick up trash from City of Murfreesboro schools. Mr. Nolen estimated if a private hauler picked up all schools, both City and County, it would be in excess of \$400,000 but he would provide the information as to the City schools. Chairman Jernigan reminded the Committee the City residents pay County property taxes. Mayor Burgess pointed out the County hauls all trash for LaVergne and Smyrna residents and does not haul for City of Murfreesboro residents. Mayor Burgess advised there had been no constructive progress on developing solid waste districts in Smyrna or LaVergne. Commissioner McAdoo requested a cost analysis on what it would cost if the County had to pick up City of Murfreesboro trash. Mr. Nolen advised the City of Murfreesboro has completely different equipment than the County and duties regarding solid waste are different. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner McAdoo, to approve the Landfill report and Convenience Centers report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$5,400 from Account #116-39000 (Undesignated Fund Balance) to Account #116-55732-351 (Rental). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the budget amendment of \$5,400 from Account #116-39000 (Undesignated Fund Balance) to Account #116-55732-351 (Rental). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUTHERFORD COUNTY AND PC DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC.:

Mr. Nolen next presented a proposed one year agreement with PC Disposal Company, Inc. for disposal of electronic waste advising the same had been prepared by the County Attorney's Office and involved no money. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Electronic Waste Disposal Agreement with PC Disposal Company, Inc. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

POST-CLOSURE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR LANDFILL:

The Committee was next presented the annual inflation adjustment of the financial assurance for the County Landfill. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the post-closure financial assurance for the Landfill and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

BOTTLE BILL REVIEW:

Mimi Keisling next provided general factual information to educate the Committee on the proposed Bottle Bill advising the bill itself is 31 pages and very regulated. If passed it would go to TDEC to have rules promulgated and has a \$250,000,000 fiscal note attached. Ms. Keisling also provided information from Pride of Place which is a proponent of the Bottle Bill that included frequently asked questions. Also provided was a statement of Kevin Dietly to the TDEC Waste Reduction Task Force in opposition to the Bottle Bill. The Committee was advised eleven states have Bottle Bills but these have been in place many years. The Committee discussed whether redemption centers could be placed in County Convenience Centers and Mr. Nolen advised this would require more employees. Mr. Nolen advised he thought the bill was good but more information was needed before making a final decision as there are many unanswered questions. Chairman Jernigan advised more information is needed and there is no reason to jump to a vote now. Commissioner Williams advised he would like to postpone the discussion until the Committee could get a copy of the bill and read Ms. Keisling's information thoroughly for a discussion next month. Commissioner Williams advised the legislators at a prior meeting appeared unaware of the pending Bottle Bill. Commissioner Sparks advised he thought if current measures were improved this would be better than a whole new system but more information is needed.

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to suspend the rules to allow Dr. Madge Davis to address the Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Dr. Madge Davis, chief citizen coordinator of the Bottle Bill addressed the Committee advising it is a complex bill but she has been getting help from companies that need this product in supporting the Bottle Bill. Dr. Davis anticipates having a Republican and a

Democrat carrying the bill forward as they have bipartisan support.

Randall Branch encouraged litter pick up in rivers and felt the bill addresses this problem and keeps the litter from getting into the rivers.

Chairman Jernigan advised the Committee will continue to study the Bottle Bill matter.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chairman Jernigan first presented a speed limit request of 30 mph for Gum Puckett Road which has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and Highway Commission. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sparks moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the speed limit request of 30 mph for Gum Puckett Road. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chairman Jernigan next presented a proposed drainage easement for West Park Estates. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the drainage easement for West Park Estates. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman